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SUBJECT: AUTOMOBILE STANDARDS - EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION

REF: A) EC A-008, JANUARY 17, 1974

B) STATE A-9672, NOVEMBER 23, 1973

1. DANIELE VERDIANI, THE EC COMMISSION DIVISION CHIEF RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF TECHNICAL BARRIERS OF AN INDUSTRIAL NATURE (I.E. THE HARMONIZATION OF EC STANDARDS) IN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR THE INTERNAL MARKET, HAS TOLD US THAT HE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE WORTH- WHILE IF HIS DIVISION HAD MORE REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION. HE HAD NOTED THE INCREASING CONTACT BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

2. VERDIANI SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE DIFFERENT TYPE OF AUTOMOBILE PRODUCED IN EUROPE AND THE US OFTEN PRECLUDED SIMILAR STANDARDS, THERE WAS FERTILE GROUND FOR EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ON AUTO SAFETY RESEARCH AND POSSIBILITIES FOR AGREEMENT ON TESTING METHODS.

3. COMMENT: THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS VERDIANI'S INTEREST ON TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION AS WELL
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AS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. IN LIGHT OF OUR EVIDENT

CONCERN OVER THE DEVELOPMENT OF EC-HARMONIZED STANDARDS (SEE
REFERENCED AIRGRAMS), VERDIANI'S INITIATIVE PROVIDES A GOOD
OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE CLOSER "TECHNICAL" CONTACTS WITH
COMMISSION OFFICIALS AND NATIONAL EXPERTS WORKING ON EC-
HARMONIZED STANDARDS.GREENWALD

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